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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IDENTIFY SCHOOLS
HAVING AGING EQUIPMENT AND REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT WITH NEW
AND MODERNIZED EQUIPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education operates a single
2 statewide public school district with fifteen regional complex
3 areas; and
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5 WHEREAS, in the 2024-2025 academic year, 152,270 students
6 are enrolled in two-hundred fifty-eight public schools
7 throughout the State; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Education employs approximately
10 thirteen thousand teachers, librarians, and counselors, in
11 addition to approximately ten thousand educational officers,
12 civil service, and support services personnel; and
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14 WHEREAS, each year, funding for school facility upgrades
15 and maintenance are among the most frequently requested
16 legislative capital improvements; and
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18 WHEREAS, public schools also have a growing need for the
19 replacement and modernization of aging school equipment; and
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21 WHEREAS, the replacement, refurbishment, and modernization
22 of school equipment will ensure the needs of Hawaii's teachers,
23 school staff, and students are fully met now and into the
24 future; and
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26 WHEREAS, upgrading school equipment may increase the
27 physical activity and mental health needs of students; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
32 that the Department of Education is requested to identify
33 schools having aging equipment and replace the equipment with
34 new and modernized equipment; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
3 Board of Education, and Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:

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